

MRS. BROWNS LECTURE

Activities Among the Church Workers and Local News.

Germantown, Pa. Special—Mrs. Julia Butler of E. Haines street and Mrs. Nichols of E. Mechanic street paid a flying visit to Washington and met a host of old friends. Mrs. Butler took a trip to Brightwood to see her aunt, Mrs. Louis Grinage. On the 14th ult the stewardess board of Bethel A. M. E. church gave a grand supper. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the people turned out surprisingly well. The stewardesses are the people who know how to get up a good supper. They turned over to the stewards \$41.00 last Sunday night. Miss Hallie Quinn Brown took Bethel by storm, and held them spell bound for an hour and a half. Dr. Yocum gave the notice out at Sunday school and bade the children tell their parents that Miss Brown would speak that evening. She gave a good, practical talk and recited and then sang one of her favorite selections and had the congregation join in the chorus. Every person was delighted with her. Dr. Yocum expects to have her again soon and give us another good lecture March 21st. Dr. Monroe gave a panorama at Haines Street A. M. E. church and had a grand success. Mrs. Batson Bergen also performed at Parker's Hall on March 21st. The teachers of J. E. Hill's school, E. Rittenhouse street, invited the parents out also on the 21st and they turned out well and there was a rooster mock trial at the Association Hall the same night. The members and friends of Bethel A. M. E. church will give and Easter Carnival of Nations at their church beginning on April 2nd, lasting until 12th. On the 9th there will be a musical contest between the Haines Street M. E. Sunday school and Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Hardtimes will give a supper on April 4th at Haines Street M. E. church. The members and friends of Mt. Zion Baptist church, W. Rittenhouse street have plans mapped out for their spring fair to open about Easter. Mrs. Wm. Riley is very ill. Mr. Wood's death is looked for at any time. Mr. William Richardson who's grandpa was one of the founders of Bethel A. M. E. Church died in the Germantown Hospital Tuesday. He had been sick very long. He was well thought of by his employers. Mr. Thomas Woodson has given up his position at the Wire Mill and started for Virginia Monday night. He will run his farm again and try country life once more.

ALBERT BAILERS.

PAINTING THE PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Thomas is an artist, but Denies Her Racial Identity.

Lillian Thomas, a portrait painter whose fame heretofore seems to have been limited to Columbus, Ohio, her native town, woke up yesterday morning to find that she had achieved distinction through the publication of the fact that she is engaged in making a portrait of President McKinley. The President posed for her on Friday in Washington and Mrs. Thomas returned here yesterday. A Sun reporter saw her at her studio in the St. Marc building at 434 Fifth avenue yesterday. Mrs. Thomas is a young lady with a rather dark complexion. A morning newspaper described her yesterday as a mulatto. She was somewhat displeased with that description. She said that she didn't consider it any disgrace to be a mulatto, but as she wasn't one she naturally didn't want to be so characterized.—Columbus (O.) Dispatch.

The above clipping shows that Mrs. Thomas is denying that she is colored. Her audience with the President was really brought about through the influence of Hons. Jere A. Brown, John P. Green, Milton Holland and other

colored men, who have known her and her parents all their lives. She was born of colored parents, and have always associated exclusively with colored people both in Columbus, and St. Louis. Tanner, one of the most celebrated artists, has never had to deny his color, why should Mrs. Thomas? Jere Brown and John P. Green always visit the Lees and know them to be colored. Her mother was not only colored, but was born of a slave mother.

Normal, Ala., Notes.

Rev. C. J. W. Roberts, of Rondebosch, Cape Colony, South Africa, the father of one of our African students, writes a very interesting letter from that far away clime, announcing the arrival of Bishop Coppin.

Bishop J. W. Gaines will preach our Commencement sermon May 26th; Hon. Judson Lyons, Register of the United States Treasury, will deliver the annual address to the graduates; Hon. A. N. Johnson of Mobile, will address the literary societies; Prof. Thomas Frierson of Florence, will address the Y. M. C. A., Rev. W. R. Pettiford, president of the Penny Savings Bank of Birmingham, Ala., will deliver an address on the 27th.

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Not Coming But Here.

The Colored American published at Washington, D. C., is by far the leading secular paper in the country. It is the only Negro paper at present that is to be sold hereafter all over the country—at newspaper stands, thus placing it in the greatest newspaper union of the country and on a footing with other papers. And thus step by step is the Negro taking his place in the republic among the enlightened and potent elements. The Negro is not coming, but he has already reached the utmost round.—The American Guide.

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